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The RAKE.

AMONG several nice Distinctions, which this exquisit Age abounds with, that of the *gentile Rake* is what I can least reconcile my Reason to. Do they intend by it to give a Lustre to a Title wholly disgraceful, and in the Epithet *gentile* to wipe off the ignominious Appenages which are essential to make up the Title? I doubt not, but all the considerate Part of Mankind will agree with me, that the very Appellation of a Rake carries along with it somewhat so monstrous, as will set at Defiance all the mollifying Expletives that Wit can invent to render it tolerable to either Sense or Reason. The better to explain the Matter, let us inquire into what the World, under the common Acceptation of the Word, intends by a *Rake*. And, if I am not mightily mistaken, when we stile any Person a *Rake*, it imports no less than a Person wholly divested of Order and Regularity, and who boasts himself of being a profess'd Votary to Vice and Lewdness. If we search for its most honourable Etymology, the *Greek* will derive it from *Paxia*, which imports a profligate Wretch; tho' in our own Language, I think it is much better decipher'd when, by adding to it the Monosyllables of *Shame* or *Hell*, (as *Rake-Shame*, or *Rake-Hell*) we always are known to mean, in the common Way of Speaking, a base or rascally Sort of Fellow. 'Tis true, some of our more humble, and less pains-taking Virtuosos have imagin'd its Radix to arise from the Instrument our Kennel-Rakers are known to make use of, and thence ingeniously conclude our modern *Rakes*, like their Original, fit only for the dirtiest and most filthy Performances. Take which we will of these (and nobody can deny but they all carry some Face of Analogy) the Rake can, with no sober or fair Interpreter, demand any favourable Interpretation. As a sworn Enemy to all Order, and a settled Votary to every Sort of Vice; as a profligate Wretch in his Original, or, in the common Way of speaking, a vile rascally Fellow, fit only for the vilest Purposes; what will the Epithet *gentile*, or any other Manner of Epithet avail towards the setting his crooked Worship strait in the Eyes of the Discerning? I am very sensible that some of the vainest and the lightest (which is certainly the worst Part) of the Fair Sex have, both in Word and Action, declar'd themselves mightily in Favour of this unmasculine Appellation. A *gentile Rake* (as these facile Heroines are pleased to phrase it) is in their Eyes the most accomplish'd of Mankind; the Joy of their Hearts, and the Solace of their Souls, if they have any. For I could almost embrace the *Mahometan* Tenet in their Behalf, and choose to rob them of that spiritual Part, rather than allow them to act so inconsistently in every Part besides. There might have been some Difficulty in accounting for this out-of-the-way Phænomenon, if the unaccountable Fair Ones had not betray'd their own Secrets. For, as often as you wonder at their Conduct, and seem to condemn them for their Admiration of that favourite Animal; they'll tell you that none make so good Husbands as the reform'd Rake; and where, I wonder, will you find the Fair One that distrusts the Pow'r of her Charms to obtain so noble a Reformation. I will not pretend to deny that in our Days such a *Demi*-Miracle has happen'd ——nay, I dare own that one Instance is within my Knowledge.——But, were it worth while to collect the Disappointments and Miscarriages of all the other like fair Expectants; the Numbers ruin'd by such inconsiderate and fallacious Hopes (disappointed to one in a Thousand;) tho' I should fail of reforming those fair Reformers, it would afford such a glaring Memento to the more Considerate, that the gentile Epithet would with them stand on the Foot of its barbarous Adjunct; and be cast aside as the foulest Solecism in Speech. Recommend me to the more discreet Behaviour of the lovely *Iphigenia*. With all the petty Infelicities of Nature, which the Fairest are not free from, she still takes Care in all her Actions to walk consistent with Sense and Reason. So free in her Conversation (while confin'd within the Bounds of Decency) even the *gentile Rake* would be seduc'd to imagin her a Quarry for his Purpose. But if even a chance Word offend her Ear, she retrenches her Freedom; and if a bold Repetition gives her the least Distrust of Audacity or Design, no Pidgeon takes so swift a Wing on the Flash of Powder, and she marks the Assailant so effectually as never again to be seen in his Company. I myself had a flagrant Instance of this in *Clodius*, a Rake of the first Magnitude without any the least Claim or Pretence to the favourite Epithet. His Character did not admit him into many sober Families, and yet there was one of a middling Order which, from the Plea of having sav'd him from the Gallows, gave him, as he thought, a just Title of visiting his Benefactors. It was in this Family *Iphigenia* very accidentally had her first and last Rencounter with *Clodius*. Her Beauty could not fail to surprize, and the Freeness of her Conversation (for she had Wit at Will, which yet never left the Company of Discretion) gave a wrong Turn of Thought to *Clodius* (who, if he did think, generally thought the wrong Way) and led him to flattering himself with an easy Conquest. In short, as *Iphigenia* talk'd with Freedom and Wit, *Clodius* held himself at full Liberty to prate as freely without it. In the Fulness or rather Foulness of his Loquacity, which he had introduc'd with half a Dozen of his execrable Tropes, the Fair One left him to come to an Eclaircisment by himself, and never after on any Terms could be prevail'd upon to be seen in his Company. *Clodius* was too late asham'd of his Folly, and promis'd a Reformation; but *Iphigenia* had too much good Sense to risque her Happiness on such a dangerous Expectation. If all the Fair would alike be upon their Guard, it would go near to reform the *gentile Rake*, without any Danger to themselves; a much better Way, by obliging them to acknowledge a virtuous Woman was no such Miracle, and that a discreet Freedom was no Way incompatible with either Religion or Virtue. The Rakes have their Creed as well as the most Religious; and tho' their Faith may be very defective in Practice, yet I never found it in the Power of Reason to move them from their extravagant Fastnesses. One of their Tenets, which I have before hinted at, and that the very first of all, is, *That there is no such Thing as a modest Woman*. I remember to one, that had started it in Company, a merry Wag ask'd him, what he thought of his Mother? All his Answer was a—Phoo—Pox—and there he left the Argument, and call'd another Cause. And indeed it is in much such like Manner that they defend the other Articles of their incredible Creed; such as these; *That natural Things ought to be call'd by no other than natural Names, That Hours were were made for the Use of Man*, and therefore only Fools could fear an Abuse of 'em. But *ex pede Herculem*, you may therefore guess by these at the rest; for as to Principles of Religion, they desire (and who will be so hardy to envy them?) these non-thinking Gentlemen desire to stand upon the goodly Establishment of their Brethren the *Free-Thinkers*. Brethren did I say? I mistake, I should rather call them the legitimate Spawn of that illegitimate Race, who with dogmatical Pride would impose upon Mankind, and make their own erroneous Way of Thinking an establish'd Rule to even Sense and Reason.

And now let me ask those of the Fair Sex who, in order to render them more amiable, give those Puppys the Title of *Gentile*, whether a Woman of tolerable Sense is not likely to lead an agreeable Life, link'd to such a disagreeable Animal? Is the World so destitute that they must needs run upon Precipices to avoid Destruction? Sure the Necessities of that Fair One must be grievously great, even to the very Verge of Despair, who can think herself drove to the Shift of making such an absurd Election. I remember a beautiful Fair One in *Dublin* of this sublime Contexture. She fancy'd her Charms (which, to do her Justice, were apparently far from inconsiderable) had Energy enough to make a Rake forsake his beaten Road, and reduce his Morals to a Decorum. Upon which Supposition, in Contradiction to the Advice of all her Friends, she resign'd her Person and her Fortune (which, as Fortunes go in that Country, was not despicable) and entered directly upon the Work of Reformation. By the Way, I must not omit, tho' I never was any great Admirer of that *Smithfield* Traffick vulgarly, or rather learnedly, yclep'd Marriage Settlements; yet I never was better pleas'd than at the Precaution which her Friends had rated her into, and thereby securing somewhat *in futuro* in Case of Disasters. They were wedded and bedded, and, by Way of Earnest-penny, the fair Adventurer found soon after some of the Fruits of her Knight Errantry in the Foul Disease. This was soon discover'd; the *gentile Proselyte* tax'd; and, upon Promises of Amendment, pardon'd. But, notwithstanding the Fair Sex are by the Many allow'd to be great Lovers of Repetitions, before the Honey-moon was over, there was a new Occasion of Repetitions offer'd, which Mrs *Bride* could very well have spar'd her Inmate. In short his Reformation ended only in his Dissolution, occasion'd by his Rakeries; at which Time, instead of making the fair Converter the least Amends by Way of Atonement for what she had suffer'd by him, he bequeath'd every Groat he could from her, and in some Legacies evinc'd his Attachment to Riot and Wantonness, together with an utter Disgust to any Thing call'd Virtue. The Fair Reformer, renouncing all future Propagandoship, could hardly ever after be prevail'd upon to give any of the contrary Sex tolerable Quarter; forgetful that her own Practice had enervated the strongest of her Arguments, in marrying, contradictory to the Advice of all her Friends, one that she knew to be one of the worst, and whom, with all her Charms and Indulgencies, she found she had no Pow'r to reclaim, or make better. If, after all that has been said, there should happen to be found among the Fair Sex a Creature so destitute as, even in Point of Fortune, to sacrifice her Quiet to the vain Hopes of reclaiming even the *gentile Rake*, I condignly beg the Fair One's Pardon, if I allot her an Apartment in the noble Mansion entitled *Bethlem*; and, as a farther Instance of my great Care of her Person, assign to her Assistance more than the Doctor of that spacious Ædifice, even the whole Brotherhood of *Warwick-Lane*: Unless, in her profound Sagacity, she is of Opinion, she has a juster Title to a Room in another like Charitable Foundation, on the other Side the Water, intended for the Incurables. This is a fair Sketch of my private Sentiments of the Matter in Question, and, to demonstrate it is not precipitately receiv'd, I will proceed next to anatomize a little plainer, those Heroes of her Heart, the *Rakes*; and I will not despair of the Pardon of those profound ones, if as, in my Opinion, there is little Difference in their Contexture, I do not divide them, but make as little Difference in my Examination and Censure. The *Rake*, then, is the Pest of all Civil Society, and all sober Families; especially, where there are Females of Fairness or Fortune; who ought, under severe Penalties, to be prohibited receiving Visits from them, or doing any thing for them that may seem to give them any Manner of Countenance. As pronounc'd Enemies to whatsoever is modest, if the Parents have any Regard to the blooming Reputation of their Daughters, they will prudently prohibit all Steps towards Conversation with a Person, whose very Words must contaminate, and Acquaintance discredit. Would they admit a mad Dog, or a wild Beast of any Sort, not into their Houses, but even into the Neighbourhood? And yet there is no Comparison of Danger from the one, that there is from the other. The Beast may be avoided, or being destroy'd the Danger may be prevented: But the Two-leg'd Beast, if once admitted, must be born with, till perhaps the Evil is past Redress. For, tho' he bears no other Token of Manhood, superior to those of walking on two Legs; yet Nature has such a Tenderness for her Species, that even Changelings are under her Protection. A Sense of this, which perhaps is the sole Part of Sense he can boast of, makes him perhaps more intemperate in his Torrent of Extravagancies. Secure then of having his Demerit of Licentiousness return'd him in a due Manner here, he generously divests himself of all Thoughts of an Hereafter, and turns a Beast in Principle, in Expectation of dying like a Beast in Practice. What

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Laws can be found or invented to fence againſt ſo great a Monſter? Or what Perſon of the leaſt Penetration can ſurvey him, without a full Conviction that a Futurity is abſolutely neceſſary, that ſuch a Creature may receive ſomewhere to the full Stretch of his Demerits. His own favourite Tenet muſt then turn to his own unavoidable Deſtruction; ſince if, like the very Brute, he makes his final Reſource in Annihilation, ſure thoſe who are Maſters of finer Reaſon, and are actuated by Principles of Religion (which have all their Lives long afforded them a calm, ſedate, and perfect Quietude) ought to propoſe to themſelves ſome other Portion, which his unnavigable Paſſions have refus'd him any Light into. But, leſt I ſhould ſeem to invade the Purlieus of the Fair Reformers (a Rope of Sand that I deſpair of raiſing) I will leave the empty Quarry and take my Leave of ſuch Reformers, in a few Lines of Addreſs to their miſtaken Selves. Are you not ſenſible, Ladies, that there are, among the Maſculine Sex, a great many that will hardly allow you the Uſe of Reaſon? But very many more, who make your Weakneſs, both of Mind and Body, the darling Topicks of their ſatyrical Wit, as they call it? If theſe, your Heroes are not the Wretches that are only guilty; depend upon it, theſe are the certain Animalculi of thoſe, which, at this hot Seaſon, are diſpers'd abroad by various Inſects, to the Damage or Danger of the fineſt Flowers, as well as the faireſt of Fruits. Uſe them alike, therefore, as their Merits exact; and, if you cannot deſtroy them; with fair *Iphigenia*, aſſert your Senſe, and deſpiſe them. At leaſt, do not ſeem to homologate their fulſome Errors: and give a currency to their falſe Coin, by the Stamp of your own too fair Impreſſions. When you have thus given theſe Animals an Uſage ſo becoming their Audacities, all that hear and ſee will approve your Juſtice; and, without running any Riſque from the vain Attempt of reforming the moſt Abject, you will undoubtedly find yourſelves in the faireſt Way of preſerving the Eſteem of all thoſe, whoſe real Eſteem is worth preſerving.

SATURDAY, *June* 30.

ON Saturday laſt one *William Haſſell*, a Servant to Mr. *Fydell* and Company, Brewers near *Hockley in the Hole*, was ſet upon by ſeveral Foot-pads in *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*; and upon his making a Reſiſtance, they beat him ſo terribly, that Yeſterday he died of the Bruiſes. Laſt Night the Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder*.

On Tueſday came on a Trial at *Guildhall*, before the Lord Chief Juſtice *Eyre*, wherein Mr. *Truby*, an eminent Vintner, was Plaintiff, and Mr. *Nichols*, an Officer of the *Poultry* Compter, Defendant, on an Action brought by the Plaintiff for Words of Defamation, ſaid to have been ſpoken by the Defendant againſt the Plaintiff, greatly detrimental to his Credit and Reputation; and after a Hearing of about two Hours, the Jury gave a Verdict for the Plaintiff of 5 *l.* Damages, with Coſts of Suit. And Yeſterday another Trial came on at *Guildhall*, before the Lord Chief Juſtice *Eyre*, between Mr. *Truby*, the aboveſaid Gentleman, Plaintiff, and Mr. *Gardiner*, an Officer of the *Poultry* Compter, Defendant, for Words of Defamation, as in Caſe above mentioned; and after a ſhort Hearing, the Jury gave a Verdict for the Plaintiff of 5 l. Damages, with Coſts of Suit.

Commitment. Laſt Wedneſday the Wet Nurſe of the Earl of *Albemarle*'s Child was robbed by her Servant-Maid of 34 Guineas and ſeveral other Things of Value, and Purſuit being made after her, the next Day ſhe was apprehended in *Southwark*, in Company with a young Man, and two Rings and 28 Guineas were found upon him; whereupon they were both committed to the New Jail in *Southwark*.

Deaths. Yeſterday Moring died, in *King-ſtreet, Bloomſbury*, Mrs. *Bellaſye*, a Relation of the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount *Fauconberg*.——Monday died at *Abingdon*, *John Shannon*, Eſq; an eminent Wine-Merchant of this City.

MONDAY, *July* 2.

On Saturday the Seſſions ended at the *Old Bailey*, when only two Malefactors received Sentence of Death, *viz. William Robertſon*, alias *Sidal*, for robbing *Elizabeth Woodnot* of a Scarlet Cloak, and likewiſe for aſſaulting *Nathaniel Hilliard* on the Highway, and firing a Piſtol at his Head; and *Roſe Moreton*, for privately ſtealing from her Maſter 24 Guineas and ſome Silver.

The ſeven Perſons who were committed to the *Fleet* Priſon by the Lord Chief Juſtice *Eyre*, and afterwards removed to *Newgate*, were try'd on an Indictment for endeavouring to perſonate others, in order to paſs a Fine on an Eſtate in the County of *Norfolk*, and were acquitted by a Flaw which happened in the Indictment.

Three were burnt in the Hand, *viz. Dubertes Smith*, who was try'd for the Murder of *John Scot*, Cook, at the *Glouceſter* Tavern at St. *James's*; *John Stiff* and *Sarah Bingham*, the two latter convicted laſt Seſſions.

Twenty-ſeven were ordered for Tranſportation, three to be whipt, and twenty-five were acquitted.

On Saturday Morning between One and Two o'Clock, a Fire broke out at a Baker's in *Black-fields*, *Horſleydown*, which burnt down his Bake-houſe, Part of his Dwelling-houſe, and damaged another adjoining; but by the timely Aſſiſtance of the Firemen, it was extinguiſhed without doing further Damage.

Joſeph Butcher, who liv'd in *Whitechapel*, a Fellow-ſhip Porter, being diſorder'd in his Senſes, hanged himſelf on Saturday laſt.

On Tueſday Night two Women going through Bridge in a Sculler, the Boat overſet, and they were both drowned; the Waterman ſaved himſelf by ſwimming to *Billingſgate*. One of the Women has lain ſome Days floating upon the River, made faſt to a Barge near the Lead-Mill at *Horſleydown*, but is not as yet own'd.

On Saturday a Boy of 14 Years of Age fell from the Sterlings at *London-Bridge* into the River; great Endeavours were uſed to ſave him, but to no Effect. When he was taken up he had four Guineas and ſome Silver in his Pocket.

Colcheſter, June 22. A few Days ago the Steeple of *Brewers* Church in *Suffolk*, about five Miles from *Sudbury*, was ſet on Fire by Lightning, and continued burning for ſome Hours; but it was at length happily extinguiſhed by the Aſſiſtance of an Engine, which the Inhabitants of the Pariſh fetched from *Sudbury*.

Durham, June 29. On Tueſday Morning laſt we had a terrible Storm of Thunder and Lightning for ſeveral Hours together; by which a Horſe was kill'd in the Field call'd the *Shoemaker's-Field*; and two Men ſawing Timber near *Sunderland-Bridges*, had the Timber rent, and the Saw carried a conſiderable Way, by the Thunder, without any Harm to the Men.

TUESDAY, *July* 3.

About Eight o'Clock on Saturday Night, a very unhappy Accident happened at *Hackney*; one Capt. *Price*, of *Spittlefields*, riding through *Mare-ſtreet*, almoſt on full Speed, his Horſe running away with him, he unfortunately met Capt. *Thomas Parſons*, of *Bell-Alley* in *Coleman-ſtreet*, late of *Bermuda*, and a conſiderable Trader to thoſe Iſlands, coming from *London*, and though each endeavour'd to avoid the other, they had not Preſence of Mind ſufficient to do it; one of the Horſes ran with ſuch Force againſt the other, that both Men and Horſes fell with ſuch Violence, that Capt. *Parſons* was killed on the Spot, and Capt. *Price* very much hurt and bruiſed, but being immediately let Blood, he is ſuppoſed to be out of Danger.

We are credibly inform'd, that a certain noble Dutcheſs hath put in her Will a Legacy of 5000 l. for a certain noble Peer, who was lately removed from a publick Employment; a moſt noble Inſtance of the higheſt Generoſity and Publick Spiritedneſs in this corrupt Age.

His Majeſty having appointed *William Finch*, Eſq; his Miniſter Plenipotentiary to the States-General, and *John Auſtis*, Eſq; Garter King of Arms, Plenipotentiary to inveſt the Prince of *Orange* with the full Habits and Enſigns of the moſt noble Order of the Garter, they, on Sunday Morning about Nine o'Clock, attended by ſeveral Gentlemen belonging to the College of Arms, being all full cloathed in their proper Habits, embarked for *Holland* on board the *Fubbs Yacht* at *Greenwich*, for that Purpoſe. The Motto of the Garter is ſet round with 300 ſmall Diamonds, and the George pendent to the Blue Ribband with 13 large ones, and 'tis ſaid to be the fineſt of that Sort that ever was ſeen.

Yeſterday a Gentlewoman being in a Coach with a Child, and the Door, on ſome ſudden Jolt, unexpectedly flying open, the Child fell out, and was run over by one of the Wheels, and killed on the Spot.

Laſt Wedneſday as the Lord *Hobart* was going in his Coach and Six to his Seat in *Norfolk*, three of his Horſes dropt down dead at *Heckerell* in *Eſſex*.

Yeſterday at Twelve o'Clock the *Mercury*, Capt. *Iſaac Wilſon*, Commander, of 300 Tons, late one of the *South-Sea* Company's *Greenland* Fiſhery Ships, being outward bound to *Newcaſtle*, by ſome Accident took Fire, two Miles below *Woolwich*, and burnt with ſuch Fury, that in a ſhort Time it deſtroy'd all her Upper Works, Rigging, and Maſts, and burnt down to her lower Ends, the Ship's Company being obliged to take to their Boat to ſave their Lives.

We hear from *Worceſter*, that Yeſterday Se'ennight, between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock at Night, they had a great Tempeſt of Thunder and Lightning, which ſo dangerouſly cracked St. *Andrew*'s Spire, that 'twas feared it muſt be pulled down. The Lightning penetrating alſo down through the Tower, melted the Wires of the Clock, and tore the Dial-Plate. At the ſame Time it ſetting Fire to a Hay-Rick in St. *John*'s Pariſh, of about 40 Ton of Hay, about 25 Ton was conſumed before it could be extinguiſhed. We hear that a Hay-Rick was burnt, and a Horſe ſtruck dead at the ſame Time at *Kempſey*.

Dublin June 26. This Day at Noon upon *Change* it was unanimouſly agreed by the Guild of Merchants of the City of *Dublin*, that they will take all the ſtanding Bankers Notes, and that any Perſon refuſing the ſame is an Enemy to the Kingdom, as it tends to the Deſtruction of Trade and the Ruin of publick Credit.

Preferments. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to confer the Dignity of a Baronet of *Great Britain* upon *William Heathcote*, of *Hurſley*, in the County of *Southampton*, Eſq;——His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Sir *Edward Croſton*, Sir *Henry King*, and Sir *Thomas Pendergaſt*, to be of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council in *Ireland*.——His Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant unto *George Proctor*, Eſq; the Office of Steward of the Stewardſhip of the Honour and Caſtle of *Windſor*; and of the Courts of Record in the ſame; and alſo the Office of Clerk to the Conſtable of the ſaid Caſtle, and Keeper of the Seals of the ſaid Courts there.——His Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant unto *Robert How* and *James Colbron*, jun. the Office of Chirographer of his Majeſty's Court of *Common-Pleas*.—— His Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant unto *Walter Campbell*, Eſq; the Office of Receiver-General and Caſhire of the Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, and the Territories thereunto belonging, in the room of *Mungo Grame*, Eſq;——On Friday laſt came on the Election of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Bury St. Edmund's*, in the room of the Right Hon. the Lord *Hervey*, Vice-Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and one of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, lately call'd up to the Houſe of Peers; when the Hon. *Thomas Hervey*, Eſq; ſecond Son of the Earl of *Briſtol*, was unanimouſly choſen.

Death. Laſt Saturday Morning died Mr. *Fuller*, a noted Grocer of *Fenchurch-ſtreet*, reputed worth 10,000 l.

WEDNESDAY, *July* 4.

Yeſterday there was a Court of Aldermen at *Guildhall*, when *Robert Weſtley*, Eſq; gave Bond to hold the Office of Sheriff of this City and County of *Middleſex* for the Year enſuing; and *Michael Hollerſdon*, Eſq; who was choſen at the ſame Time, paid his Fine of 600 and odd Pounds.

On Monday laſt the Lady of the Right Hon. *Allen* Lord Viſcount *Middleton*, was ſafely deliver'd of a Son and Heir.

As was Yeſterday Morning the Lady of the Hon. *Charles Montague*, Nephew to the Earl of *Halifax*.

On Monday in the Afternoon as ſeveral Boys were waſhing in the River of *Thames*, near *Limehouſe*, the Son of Mr. *Fielding*, a Glazier, being taken with the Cramp, was drowned.

Commitment. Yeſterday a Woman was committed to *Newgate*, for picking a Gentleman's Pocket of a Watch, and three Guineas and a Half.

Marriages. Laſt Night the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount *Weymouth* was married to the ſecond Daughter of the Right Hon. the Lord *Carteret*.——Yeſterday Morning *George Jackſon*, Eſq; was married to Mrs. *Berlace*.

Deaths. Laſt Night died, at his Houſe at *Hackney*, Counſellor *Horſeman*.——On Monday laſt died at *Richmond*, Mrs. *Howard*, a Widow Lady of a conſiderable Fortune.

Bankrupts. John Gainſborough, now or late of *Sudbury*, in the County of *Suffolk*, Clothier.——*William Rathborn*, late of the City of *Cheſter*, Merchant.—— *John Webb*, of *Taunton St. Mary Magdalen*, in the County of *Somerſet*, Serge-maker and Clothier.——*Robert Geals*, of *Graveſend*, in the County of *Kent*, Victualler.

THURSDAY, *July* 5.

We hear that a Charitable Society is propoſed and intended to be erected in this City, by the Name of the *Naval Society*, for the Reward and Encouragement of Virtue in Seamen, by giving Education and Maintenance to the poor unprovided for Fatherleſs Sons, from Six to Fourteen Years of Age, of ſuch Sea-Officers or Sea faring Men who have behav'd with diſtinguiſhing Courage and Conduct in Defence or Preſervation of any Ship in the King or Merchants Service; which Children are to be taught Writing, Accompts and Navigation, eleemoſynary.

On Monday Evening laſt a *Graveſend* Tilt-Boat, near *Execution-Dock*, having 32 Paſſengers, going for *Graveſend*, was run over by a Collier, and two of the ſaid Paſſengers were drowned; all the reſt were ſaved, but with great Difficulty.

At the Horſe-Races at *Kentiſh-Town* on Tueſday laſt, two Horſes ſtarted for the Purſe of 15 Guineas, *viz.* Dr. *Goldham*'s *Merry Jenny*, and the *Farmer*'s Mare, which was won by the former. And Yeſterday four Horſes ſtarted for the Purſe of 20 Guineas, and the ſame was won

by the famous Horſe late Mr. *Gordon*'s, the Butcher, who was executed at *Tyburn*. At the ſaid Races a young Lad, about Nine Years of Age, croſſing the Courſe, was rode over and kill'd upon the Spot; and ſeveral other Perſons received great Damage.

We hear that the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Board of Works have lately laid before the Lords of the Treaſury an Eſtimate of the Charges for new boarding the *Mall* in St. *James's-Park*; alſo for making new Gates and Seats, and railing in *Roſamond's-Pond*, and other Neceſſaries, to make the ſaid Park more commodious; and we hear that their Lordſhips have comply'd with the ſame, and that it will be begun very ſpeedily.

Late on Tueſday Night laſt ſeveral Keepers of *Epping-Foreſt*, patrolling about in queſt of Deer-ſtealers, (who have of late been very inſolent there, and by their Numbers, well armed, abuſed the Keepers, and carried off Deer from the Foreſt all Hours of the Day) met with five of them between *Ruckholt's* Houſe and *Temple-Mills*, carrying away a Brace of Bucks: A Battle immediately enſued, and the Keepers being victorious, three of the Rogues (known to live in *Hackney*) were taken, with a Horſe and their Venſon, and about Midnight were brought to the *Green Man* at *Layton-Stone*, and Yeſterday Morning being carried before *John Goodyer*, Eſq; Purlew Ranger of the Foreſt, and one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Eſſex*, they were by him committed to *Chelmsford* Jail. One of the two Rogues which eſcaped ſwam over the River *Lee*. During the Engagement one of the Keepers was knocked down, and a Piece loaded with Slugs (which was alſo taken) put to his Breaſt, but happily miſſed Fire.

We hear that a certain Nobleman looking lately over ſome old Writings, has found out a very unexpected Title to a conſiderable and fair Eſtate near *Greenwich*: The Term for which his Anceſtors had alienated it, being as it ſeems ſome Time ſince expired.

On Monday a Man fell from the Sprit-Sail-Yard of a *Weſt-India* Man at *Hanover-Hole*, and was drowned.

We hear from *Sulgrave* in *Northamptonſhire*, that on Wedneſday laſt Week, as *Tho. Taylor*, a Lad of 14 Years of Age, was making Hay, a ſudden Flaſh of Lightning ſtruck him dead on the Spot; and a Man and Woman at a very ſmall Diſtance from him were both beat to the Ground at the ſame Time, but received no Hurt, altho' the Lining of the Woman's Hat was burnt to Aſhes. The Boy that was killed had all the Hair burnt off of his Head, one Side of his Face was ſcorched as black as a Coal, and a Hole about four Inches long burnt through the Crown of his Hat; the Buttons of the Waiſtband of his Breeches being Pewter, were melted, and his Body covered with Purple-like Spots.

The ſame Day four Sheep and a Lamb were killed by Lightning in *Lamport-Grounds* near that City.

They write from *Maldon* in *Yorkſhire*, that on this Day Se'ennight a Graſier of that Place had 43 Sheep kill'd in one Field by the Thunder and Lightning, and that a great Quantity of Cattle had been deſtroy'd in that Neighbourhood by the like Accident.

Birmingham, July 2. Tueſday laſt being an exceſſive hot Day, in the Cloſe of the Evening it began to lighten, and towards Eleven o'Clock was attended with ſuch violent Claps of Thunder, as were never heard before by any Perſon in Town: We don't hear of any Damage done, except ſome few Bricks ſtruck off the Gable End of a Gentleman's Houſe in *New-ſtreet*, which flew about twenty Yards from the Place; and one Side of a Wateſ-Tub, which ſtood in the Yard, burnt by the Lightning. The next Day we had a Storm of Hail, which laſted about five Minutes; and ſeveral Hail-ſtones were taken up and meaſur'd, ſome five and ſome ſix Inches round.

Gloucester, June 30. Laſt Monday a Horſe was ſtruck dead near this City, by Lightning.

Newcaſtle upon Tyne, June 29. We have the following Accounts of Damage done by the late Thunder and Lightning, viz. At *Cold Ruley*, in *Derwentwater*, Mr. *Forſter* had his Barns, Kiln, Mill, and Malt-houſe entirely conſum'd, with the Stores therein.

At *Eaſt Yacham* in *Northumberland*, *Richard Daviſon* had 20 Sheep and two Lambs kill'd, and a Mare was kill'd at *Brockholes*.

We hear alſo from *Pontiſland*, that Mr. *Proctor's* Son and Daughter being in Bed, the Houſe End was drove in upon them, the Bed Poſt ſplit aſunder, and the Curtains about the Bed conſum'd, but neither of them receiv'd any Damage.

Edinburgh, June 28. Laſt Tueſday Morning and Yeſterday we had a great deal of Thunder and Lightning, by which a Boy was kill'd near *Oſnaburgh*; and we hear ſeveral Horſes, &c. have alſo been kill'd thereby.

Robbery. On Friday laſt in the Evening the Hon. Mrs. *Howard*, Siſter to the Earl of *Stafford*, and another Lady, were robb'd in their Chariot by a ſingle Highwayman, between *Buckingham-Houſe* and the Turnpike, who took from them ten Guineas and two Gold Watches, and made off.

Death. On Tueſday died ſuddenly the Maſter Brewer of *Sion-Brewhouſe*, near St. *Mary Magdalen*'s Church in *Southwark*: He was walking in the Church Yard in the Morning in ſeeming good Health, and the Bell rung for his Death before Night.

FRIDAY, *July* 6.

On Monday laſt three Gentlemen were attack'd by two Highwaymen on *Finchley-Common*, who after riffling two of the Gentlemen, (from whom they took upwards of 10l.) going to riffle the third, he told them his Name was *Chovett*, (tho' it was not) the Surgeon who open'd *Gordon's* Wind Pipe to prevent his ſuffering Death by hanging; whereupon they not only deſiſted from robbing him, but on his promiſing to do the ſame Favour for them if they ſhould fall into the like Circumſtances, they return'd the other Gentlemen their Money again, and parted with the utmoſt Marks of Civility.

Yeſterday at the Horſe-Races at *Kentiſh-Town*, three ſtarted for a Purſe of five Guineas, which was won by the *Farmer's* Mare the firſt Heat, the other two being diſtanc'd.

The ſame Day the great Cricket Match play'd in the *Artillery-Ground* between the *London* Men, and thoſe of *Kent*, was won by the latter by 60 Notches.

Laſt Wedneſday the Rev. Mr. *Tindal*, waited on his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* at *Kew*, and had the Honour to preſent the firſt Volume of his Tranſlation of Mr. *Rapin's* Hiſtory of *England*, dedicated to his Royal Highneſs, which was very graciouſly received.

On Wedneſday Night a Fire broke out at a Cork-Cutter's in *Red Croſs-ſtreet*, occaſioned by the Man's throwing his Tobacco out of his Pipe upon ſome dry Cork, which ſet it on Fire, and burnt the ſaid Houſe almoſt down, and damaged ſeveral others.

On Wedneſday Evening there was a Meeting of the Governors of the *Charter Houſe*, to ſettle ſeven of the Exhibitions lately left by the Lady *Holford* to their Scholars at *Chriſt-Church* and *Hart-Hall* in *Oxford*. The Exhibitions are twenty Marks each, and the latter have Chambers likewiſe: The Scholars are to enjoy this Addition with the 20l. *per Annum* formerly left by Mr. *Sutton*, for eight Years. The other Exhibitions left by Lady *Holford* do not yet take Place.

The three following of his Majeſty's Royal Yachts have been docked and cleaned, *viz.* the *Carolina*, *William* and *Mary*, and the *Charlotte*. The *Carolina* has been widened, and every Thing made commodious and beautified; her old carved Work is all ſtript off, and repaired with new; the State-Room and great Cabbin are curiouſly wrought, and Pillars fluted and gilded with Gold.

Preferments. On Wedneſday laſt the Lord *Harry Powlett* was re-elected Knight of the Shire for the County of *Southampton*, without Oppoſition; his Seat in Parliament being vacated by his being appointed one of the Lords of the Admiralty.——The Rev. Mr. *King*, Student of *Chriſt Church*, *Oxon*, was Yeſterday collated to the Rectory of St. *Michael's*, *Crooked-Lane*, by his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, in the room of the Rev. Mr. *Parker*, deceas'd.——His Grace the Duke of *Devonſhire* has been pleaſed to appoint Mr. *Michael Heathcote* to be Groom of his Majeſty's Bread Pantry, in the room of Mr. *Gould*, deceaſed.

Marriage. Yeſterday Mr. *George Steadman*, a Quaker, and an eminent Wood-[illegible]erchant in *Surrey*, was married to Miſs *Houſe*, a young Lady of a great Fortune and the ſame Perſuaſion, at the *Meeting-Houſe* in *Bull and Mouth-ſtreet*, St. *Martin's Le Grand*.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Alicant, June 24. N. S. On the 18th *arrived* the Mary Anne, Hicks, from the Coaſt for *Falmouth*; and on the 19th the Lumley, Newton, from *Lamatt* for *Gibraltar* and *Dover* (both *ſailed* the 23d) on the 20th the Lyon, Talbot, from *Cagliari*; the Anne, Simpſon, from *Naples*; and on the 21ſt the Heſter, Lewis, from the *Coaſt*. Beſide whom are in *Port*, the Laurel, Sulivan; Richmond, Smith; Hemans, Wade.

Barcelona, June 28, *Arrived* the Amity, Geach, from *Caſtellamare*.

Genoa, June 30. *Arrived* the Neptune, Evans, from *England*.

Marſailles, July 3. No Ship from the Weſtward *arrived* this Week.

HOME PORTS.

Dartmouth, July 1. Yeſterday *ſailed* the Algarve, Olding, of and from *London* for *Faro*.

Plymouth, July 1. *Came in* the Kitty, Grove, from the *Streights*; Hampſhire, Hill, *New-England*. *Sailed* his Majeſty's Ship Romney, for *Newfoundland*; and the Lively, for *Ireland*; Betty, Martin, for *Newfoundland*.

Deal, July 3. *Arrived* the Regard, Cavendiſh, from *Maryland*.

Deal, July 4. *Remain* the Providence, Richardſon, for *Hamburgh*; the Nymph, Senhouſe, for *Maryland*. Laſt Night *came down and failed thro'* the Race, Hewman, for *Oporto*; St. George, Roberts, *Lisbon*; Burton-Pink, Roby, for *Boſton in New-England*. *Arrived* and *remains* in *Ramſgate-Road*, the [illegible], Fellowood, from *Lunatt*.

Gravesend, July 3. [illegible] the Page Sloop, Allaby, from *Rotterdam*; Bethel, [illegible] *ſettigua*.

Gravesend, July 5. *Arrived* the Beaver, Smith, from *Amſterdam*; Betty's Content, Crow; Richard and Elizabeth, Fowle, from *Stettin*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Aleppo, May 30.

BY the Arrival of an Expreſs in 33 Days from *Babylon*, we have received the melancholy News, that the *Perſians* had made themſelves Maſters of that City; and that *Achmet Baſhaw* had been obliged to ſhut himſelf up, with a few Men, in a ſmall Caſtle. The Miſery and Calamity were ſo great, that the Mothers threw their Children into the *Euphrates*, to prevent their falling into Slavery, and being expoſed to the Cruelty of their Enemies; and Proviſions were ſo ſcarce, that a ſmall Loaf was ſold for four Piaſters; ſo that an infinite Number of People died of Hunger.

Madrid, June 23. An Expreſs from *Oran* has brought the following Particulars of the Engagement laſt mention'd to have happen'd on the 10th Inſtant between the Garriſon of that Place and the *Infidels*. The Deſign of the latter was to gain a Baſtion on the Side of *Yſro*, which they have often attempted before to no Purpoſe; upon the Appearance of a conſiderable Body of their Troops in the Vale of the Fountain, near the Place called *Hinjalos*, the Marquiſs *de Villadarias* ordered ten Companies of Grenadiers to march out and charge the Enemy on the Right; and at the ſame Time detach'd the reſt of the Grenadiers, together with the Volunteers, ſupported by the Dragoons, to take them on the Left; by which Means Part of our Troops got imperceptibly behind the *Turkiſh* Infantry. At the Signal given from *Fort St. Philip*, they began the Attack with ſuch Vigour, that the *Moors* gave Way, and got to an Eminence near the Mountain *Maretta*, the better to ſupport the Combat: Here the Dragoons coming up to join our Troops, they puſh'd the Enemy with redoubled Force, and obliged them to retire to the Mountain, where a briſk Firing continued a long while on both Sides: but at length the whole Army of the *Moors* advancing to their Aſſiſtance, the *Spaniards* retired under the Cannon of *Fort St. Ferdinand*; the Enemy having join'd Forces, purſued them, keeping a cloſer Body, by way of Precaution, than they uſed to do, and were ſo maul'd by the Cannon and ſmall Shot, that their Loſs in this Action muſt neceſſarily be far greater than what they ſuſtain'd in that of the 19th of *April* laſt. The whole Affair being over, the *Spaniards* return'd in good Order to their reſpective Poſts. We have had about 400 Men killed and wounded on our Side, amongſt the latter is the Marquis *de Miromenil*, Colonel; *Don Matthias del Campo*, firſt Lieutenant in the Regiment of Walloon Guards; *Don Ignace de Quiroga*, and *Don Ferdinand Carbalan*, Serjeant-Majors.

Warſaw, June 27. N. S. The Primate has iſſued circular Letters for ſummoning the Dyet of Election, wherein there is ſomething very remarkable. Our Nobility carry their Zeal for the Freedom of Election ſo high, that a Grandee ſaid to a certain Ambaſſador, *Perire poſſumus, Timere non poſſumus: Perire volumus, Timere nolumus:* That is, *Die we can, but Fear we cannot: Die we will, but Fear we will not.* And M. *Lipſki*, Ambaſſador at the Court of *Ruſſia*, declared to a certain Miniſter there, That the *Polanders*, as a Free Nation, had no Reaſon to apprehend any Diſturbance in a Free Election from their Friends; and as for their Enemies, they did not fear them. When the Prime Vizir aſſured the *Poliſh* Reſident at *Conſtantinople*, that the *Turks* would not concern themſelves with the Election, he added, That it was never known that a King of *Poland* was choſen under *Turkiſh* Colours.

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